

RATES WILL GET BETTER

Combination of Ship Owners Is Formed for Purpose of Restoring Charters.

HEAVY LOSSES ARE SUSTAINED

Association Will Impose Heavy Fine on Members Accepting Less Than Minimum Rate.

Captain Porter, of the British ship Red Rock, now lying in the harbor, disengaged, expresses the conviction that charter rates will soon advance to respectable figures. For months past ship owners have been suffering heavy losses, but the outlook is now much brighter, and before the fall grain season sets in rates will be back again to the old figures, at which there is good profit in the business.

Recently the ship owners have gone into a combination for the sole purpose of bettering charter conditions. There seems to be no question in the minds of shipping men, and especially the masters of foreign vessels, that this combination will successfully undertake to restore rates. Captain Porter says his owners have sent him information to the effect that the day of low charters have about passed. They support their declaration by the statement that the shipowners' association, recently formed, has got things in such shape that a high penalty will follow if any of the members accept a rate lower than a certain figure which has been fixed as the minimum. Just what that is they failed to make clear, but Captain Porter says he presumes it is in the neighborhood of 90s for transporting grain cargoes to the United Kingdom. Any rate less than that, he explains, will mean a loss to the owners. For the past few years, says the captain, they have been experiencing heavy losses, but have decided to inaugurate a new policy.

Captain Pellegro, master of the Italian ship Cressington, says that only 12s 6d can be secured for carrying nitrates from the South American ports to Europe, and that the outlook is anything but encouraging. The Cressington is loading lumber for Callao, Peru, and the captain expected that a cargo of nitrates could be secured there at a profitable advantage. The captain is disgusted with the situation, and the probabilities are that no deal for the transportation of a cargo of nitrates will be closed just at present.

Some of the owners have accepted what they termed an average rate to the South American ports, expecting to receive fair inducements from there to carry nitrate cargoes to Europe. It seems that they have been disappointed, and several of them declare that had they known the bottom had fallen out of the nitrate market they would not have been so eager to take lumber shipments down that way.

BAR'S LONG PASSAGE.
Philadelphia, Jan. 27.—After a voyage replete with stirring incidents, the British bark Juteopolis has dropped anchor at the Delaware breakwater, five months overdue from Iloilo, Philippine Islands. The vessel's cargo of 4000 tons of sugar has so depreciated since her departure last April that it may show a loss of \$50,000. Storm after storm was encountered until the crew, worn out by overwork, found it almost impossible to navigate the craft, which was brought into port after shipwrecking men had given her up as lost.

RATE WAR BEGUN.
New York, Jan. 27.—A rate war has been begun on steamer business between New York and Mediterranean ports. Thus far, according to the lines concerned, the cut affects only east bound traffic and has made no change in freight charges. Tickets are now \$5 less by Italian lines and \$4 less on the German ships.

MARINE NOTES.
The steamer Despatch departed yesterday for San Francisco. She took a cargo of lumber.

Yesterday was another miserably quiet day along the water front and there was almost nothing doing.

The schooner Viking departed yesterday for San Francisco. She took 200,000 feet of lumber from the Hume mill.

The lighthouse tender Columbine de-

parted yesterday morning for Willapa bay to replace some buoys on the bar there. She returned late in the afternoon.

ALL BODIES ARE RECOVERED.

Victor, Colo., Jan. 27.—All of the bodies of the victims of yesterday's accident at Stratton's Independence mine have been recovered and four those of John Sebeck, C. C. Caten, Joseph Overy and Harry Cogono, have been identified. It was at first thought that none could be identified, but this has proved to be a mistake, and it is now certain that quite a number of the other victims will be identified. No funeral arrangements have yet been made.

THANKED FOR PROMPT ACTION.

St. Louis, Jan. 27.—Resolutions have been adopted at a meeting of the Citizens' Industrial Association of St. Louis, comprised by employers, tendering votes of thanks to Governor Dockery, the board of police commissioners, Chief of Police Kiely and the police force of the city for the prompt and determined stand taken to prevent any overt act or violence to follow the recent strike of the Hackmen's and Carriage Drivers' Union.

HER BRAVERY SAVED MANY

Child Heroine of the Iroquois Fire Lies Swathed in Many Bandages.

HER NAME IS JUST LEARNED

Carrie Anderson, Burned and Bleeding, Places Ladder by Which Fifty People Escape.

Chicago, Jan. 27.—At the Samaritan hospital, her head and left side swathed in bandages, lies Carrie Anderson, the child whose deed of heroism at the Iroquois fire was recounted in brief during the coroner's inquest, but whose name has never been learned until today.

Through the steadfast bravery of this 14-year-old girl at least 50 lives were saved on the fatal afternoon. She it was who, despite the fact that her entire left side was being lapped by flames, caught the end of the ladder thrown across the alley from the Northwestern university building and guided it to a firm resting place on the fire escape of the second balcony. Across this ladder many men, women and children scrambled to safety.

She was in the balcony with her mother, who was employed as a cleaner at the theater, and while she escaped, her mother perished. The child does not know yet that her mother is dead.

FOOD FOR JOKE MEN'S THOUGHTS.

Berlin, Jan. 27.—A patent has been taken out here for a combination meter calculating machine and automatic press, which it is predicted will render disputes between the consumers of gas, water and electricity and the companies or municipalities supplying them quite unnecessary and perhaps impossible. By the use of this machine a consumer can ascertain the amount of his bill at any time, for by simply turning a lever he receives a card upon which is printed the amount he owes.

RAILROAD IS TRANSFERRED.

Los Angeles, Cal., Jan. 27.—The Los Angeles Pacific Railroad Company bought from Abbott Kinney and the Huntington-Hartman syndicate for \$240,000, the Los Angeles, Ocean Park & Santa Monica railroad, being a 15-mile line connecting Los Angeles with Ocean Park and Santa Monica. Eight miles of this line is under trackage. This deal means that a competing line between Los Angeles and Santa Monica will not be operated.

COUSIN OF PIERCE DIES.

New York, Jan. 27.—Mrs. Katherine Kendall Steele, the oldest woman in New Hampshire and cousin of President Franklin Pierce, is dead at her home, Lyndeboro, New Hampshire. She was 102 years old. One of the events of Mrs. Steele's life was her meeting with Lafayette at Concord in 1824.

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